

SB 5621 - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/10/05)

Declares an intent to establish a voluntary certification process for the child development and educational program offerings of public and nonpublic preschool programs. The purpose of the voluntary certification is to give parents and other consumers of preschool programs the ability to evaluate the educational quality of the preschool program including the program's ability to prepare the child for kindergarten.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to post a list of certified preschool programs on its web site.

Requires that any program that meets the definition of nursery school or kindergarten under RCW 74.15.020(2)(g) and is not required to be licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW shall annually file its business name, name of the business owner, address, and phone number with the superintendent of public instruction.